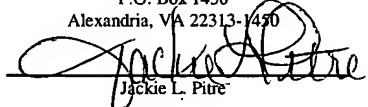




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Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

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